



SENIOR LEADERS ARE SAYING

Soldiers across the globe are serving honorably under dangerous conditions. Everyone is in combat--the battlefield has changed--that is why we are training all Soldiers in warrior skills and tasks....[T]he combat patch is the visual symbol of Soldiers who have served in combat so any additional award would be for those who meet specific criteria.

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TODAY'S FOCUS: More on the Army Close Combat Badge (CCB)

While all Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan serve under what are often dangerous conditions, there are non-Infantry units purposefully reorganized to serve as Infantry and conducting infantry unique missions and personally present under enemy fire.

How to properly and visibly recognize this service is a difficult and complex issue. The Army solicited input from commanders in theater as well as currently serving and retired NCOs and officers.

The Army decided on a Close Combat Badge, retroactive to September 11, 2001, to recognize specific Armor, Cavalry, Field Artillery, and Combat Engineer Soldiers, Colonel and below, serving as Infantry in units purposefully reorganized to routinely conduct Infantry unique close combat missions and personally present and under fire while conducting those types of missions.

Major Generals are the approval authority for both the CCB and the CIB. They cannot further delegate that authority. The CCB is the right thing to do to recognize those Soldiers in units purposefully reorganized to serve as infantry and conducting infantry unique missions.

NEWS ABOUT THE ARMY

- **Army outlines** eligibility for new Close Combat Badge ([ARNEWS](#))
- **"The President's** budget will help the Military transform itself" by Sec. Rumsfeld ([RC/eb](#))
- **Army updates** detainee operations documents ([ARNEWS](#))
- **Conscientious** objector status being requested more frequently ([SLPD/eb](#))
- **Army shows** leniency with Ready Reserve Soldiers ([SLPD/eb](#))
- **Active Army** facing recruiting difficulties ([WP*/eb](#))
- **Army team** takes 13th spot in Daytona 500 ([ARNEWS](#))

WAR ON TERROR NEWS

- **Coalition** leader says tide turning in Afghanistan ([AFIS](#))
- **Military police** Soldiers maintain presence in Afghan community ([AFIS](#))
- **Number of** coalition combat deaths decreasing in Iraq ([PI*/eb](#))
- **Insurgents** targeting barbers, hair salons ([LAT*/eb](#))
- **Rebel attacks** on the rise in Mosul ([NYT*/eb](#))
- **U.S., Iraqi** security forces launch offensive in Ramadi ([WP*/eb](#))
- **Insurgents** attacking fuel sources with precision ([NYT*/eb](#))
- **Shiite alliance** votes on PM nominee today ([USAT/eb](#))
- **Australian** PM sending more troops to Iraq ([TA/eb](#))
- **"The state** of Iraq: An update" Opinion ([NYT*/eb](#))
- **Humvee** tragedy creates unity among U.S, Iraqi Soldiers ([WP*/eb](#))

OF INTEREST

- **U.S., Japanese** leaders discuss security situation in Asia ([AFIS](#))
- **Bush seeks** to mend rift between U.S. and Europe ([WP*/eb](#))
- **Recruiting** stations vandalized ([NYT*/eb](#))
- **N. Korea** willing to resume diplomatic negotiations ([NYT*/eb](#))
- **Nuclear plant** in Iran is focus of concerns ([USAT/eb](#))
- **Syria repeats** promise to withdrawal from Lebanon ([NYT*/eb](#))
- **"Our mission** remains vital" Opinion by Sec. Annan ([WSJ eb](#))

WORLD VIEW

- **Earthquake** hit Iran, death toll rising ([Aljazeera](#))
- **All NATO** countries pledge to help Iraq ([BBC](#))
- **International** pressure on Syria intensifies ([The Daily Star, Lebanon](#))
- **German Chancellor** calls for NATO reform ([Frankfurter Allgemeine](#))



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ARMY SPORTS WRAP-UP

Racing: Joe Nemecheck finished 13th in the Daytona 500

Men:

Tennis - (2/20) Army 5, Air Force 2
Baseball - (2/20) College of Charleston 9, Army 2
(2/19) College of Charleston 13, Army 9

Women:

Tennis - (2/20) Army 5, Connecticut 2
Softball - (2/20) College of Charleston 10, Army 0
(2/20) East Carolina 14, Army 6
(2/19) Townson 6, Army 3
(2/19) College of Charleston 11, Army 2